

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-27 (canceled)

28. (new) A granular detergent composition comprising one or more granular detergent ingredients and a light reflecting particle,
wherein the light reflecting particle comprises a particulate component comprising a metal salt and a light reflecting component comprising a mixture of mica and TiO₂ having a weight ratio of from about 2:1 to about 50:1, or a mixture of BiOCl and mica at a weight ratio of about 1:2; and
further wherein the light reflecting particle exhibits a specular visible light reflection which is of higher intensity than the specular visible light reflection of the particulate component.
29. (new) The composition according to Claim 28, wherein the light reflecting particle has a luster index exceeding the luster index of sodium citrate dihydrate, further wherein the sodium citrate particles have a particle size of from 335 microns to 600 microns and a mean particle size of 450 microns.
30. (new) The composition according to Claim 28, wherein the particulate component is selected from the group consisting of sodium citrate dihydrate, sodium carbonate, sodium sulphate, and mixtures thereof.
31. (new) The composition according to Claim 28, wherein the granular detergent ingredient selected from surfactants, builders, bleaching agents, enzymes, suds suppressors, and mixtures thereof.
32. (new) The composition according to Claim 28 wherein the light reflecting particle further comprises crystalline sodium citrate, citric acid, or mixtures thereof.
33. (new) The composition according to Claim 28 wherein the light reflecting particle further comprises a colorant.
34. (new) The composition according to Claim 28 wherein the light reflecting particle further comprises a binder material.

35. (new) The composition according to Claim 28 wherein the binder material is selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants, polyalkylene glycols, and mixtures thereof.

36. (new) The composition according to Claim 28, wherein the light reflecting particle is evenly applied on the surface of the detergent ingredient.

37. (new) A detergent tablet or bar comprising the detergent particle of Claim 28.

38. (new) A light reflecting particle comprising a particulate component and a light reflecting component, wherein

the particulate component comprising a metal salt; and

the light reflecting component comprising a mixture of mica and TiO₂ having a weight ratio of from about 2:1 to about 50:1, or a mixture of BiOCl and mica at a weight ratio of about 1:2; and

further wherein the light reflecting particle exhibits a specular visible light reflection which is of higher intensity than the specular visible light reflection of the particulate component.

39. (new) The particle according to Claim 38, wherein the light reflecting particle has a luster index exceeding the luster index of sodium citrate dihydrate, further wherein the sodium citrate particles have a particle size of from 335 microns to 600 microns and a mean particle size of 450 microns.

40. (new) The particle according to Claim 38, wherein the particulate component is selected from the group consisting of sodium citrate dihydrate, sodium carbonate, sodium sulphate, and mixtures thereof.

41. (new) The particle according to Claim 38 wherein the light reflecting particle further comprises crystalline sodium citrate, citric acid, or mixtures thereof.

42. (new) The particle according to Claim 38 wherein the light reflecting particle further comprises a colorant.

43. (new) The particle according to Claim 38 wherein the light reflecting particle further comprises a binder material.

44. (new) The particle according to Claim 38 wherein the binder material is selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants, polyalkylene glycols, and mixtures thereof.

45. (new) A detergent tablet or bar comprising a core comprising one or more particulate detergent ingredient and a surface comprising the light reflecting particles of Claim 38.